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Examiner: Kerns

For: PERIMETER-COOLED STAGE 1 BUCKET CORE STABILIZING DEVICE AND
RELATED METHOD

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the final rejection dated May 31, 2006, for the reasons that follow.

The Examiner has objected to applicants' response of May 17, 2006, on the ground that the Amendment introduces new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the material added to the specification requiring that pegs 46 and 48 lie in substantially the same plane as legs 42, 44, and that the pegs extend perpendicular to the slot 54, constitutes new matter. While the Examiner acknowledges that the language appears to find support in the drawings as filed, the Examiner nevertheless contends that proportions of features of in the